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SENIOR ADVISORS ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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1. INTRODUCING SCHEDULED MAY 25 ECONADS ASSESSMENT OF
RECENT ECE PLENARY, CHAIRMAN BILLY NOTED HE HAD RECEIVED
NO "CONTRIBUTIONS" FROM MEMBERS ON WHICH DISCUSSION COULD
HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND WE QUESTIONED WHETHER EXCHANGE
OF NATIONAL PAPERS WOULD BE WORTHWHILE. DRAWING
ON REF D, WE NOTED THAT EVEN THE COMMISSION STAFF
SEEMED TO BE HAVING DIFFICULTY IN COMPOSING A REPORT.
GIVEN THE PASSAGE OF TIME, (AND THE ABSENCE OF THE DUTCH
REP - WHO WAS TRANSFERRED EARLIER IN THE WEEK AND NOT YET
REPLACED) WE ALSO ASKED WHETHER A DETAILED POST-MORTEM NOW
HAD UTILITY.

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2. BELGIAN, NORWEGIAN, AND GERMAN REPS URGED THAT WE
DO A BETTER JOB OF ALLIED PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT
PLENARY. THE BELGIAN DEAN SUPPORTED THE SENSE OF PARA
2, REF B, BY NOTING THAT GOB HAD FOUND THAT ALLIED
CONSULTATION ON ECE ISSUES IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF
"EUROPEAN" (I.E.EC) COOPERATION.

3. THE GERMAN REP HAVING MENTIONED FORTHCOMING SAEP MEETING JUNE 7-9, WE DREW ON PARA 3, REF C, TO ENCOURAGE EARLY EFFORTS AT ACCOMODATION BY ALLIED REPS IN GENEVA WHO FIND THEMSELVES AT EITHER END OF THE FAIRLY WIDE RANGE OF WESTERN VIEWS TOWARD THE PREPARATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENT HLM. WE ALSO REMINDED THE COMMITTEE OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF COHESIVE EASTERN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.

4. THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER ECONADS MEETINGS UNTIL JUNE 7 BECAUSE OF THE NATO SUMMIT NEXT WEEK. WE REMAIN READY TO SUPPORT GENEVA PREPARATIONS BUT BILATERAL APPROACHES MAY BE MORE EFFECTIVE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND MOST NATO MISSIONS WILL BE UNDERSTAFFED UNTIL CONTINGENTS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION OF US WILLINGENESS TO CONTINUE "PRE-PLENARY" REINFORCED MEETINGS ON ECE. GLITMAN

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